



# SHAWNEE CUB PACK



## Akela's Word – September 2006

### Welcome back

Here we are; another summer has come and gone and we are right back into the throws of yet another Scouting season. On behalf of the entire leader team, welcome to all of our young tender-pads, and welcome back to our returning cubs. Once again we have a season full of activities that will keep us on the run. We are looking forward to our 5 camps which includes an area Cubaree again this year, as well as a wealth of other evening and 1 day activities.

### Your Leaders

The Wolf Cub program was created by Lord Baden Powel and is based on Robert Kiplings book – The jungle book. The leaders take their names from the characters in the book. We strongly encourage you to read a copy of the book. We will have story time during our meetings, and we will read the book with the cubs throughout the year.

Here are your leaders this year:

Akela (the old wolf) – Patrick - 514-942-3400  
Chil (the kite) – Monic – 514-998-2622  
Kaa (the python) – David  
Rikki-Tikki-Tavi (the mongoose) – Bob – 514-516-2622  
?????? – Debbie – to be given a jungle name soon

### Badge work

The easiest badge to earn is the collector badge. We will be working on our collector badge as a group on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Any cub that wants to earn this badge may do so by bringing in their collection and showing the pack. After a brief explanation or demonstration, they will receive their badge that night. If you should miss the 21<sup>st</sup>, don't worry, bring your collection any night and let us know at the start that you want to show your collection – We'll make time for you.

This year we are working on the tawny star and the blue star. Have a look through your cubs' cub book to see what badges they may have already earned. Feel free to sign-off on any items that you know your cub has completed. Earning badges helps keep our cubs motivated and proud.

### Helping out

We always welcome any ideas or help parents can offer. Do you have an interesting hobby or job you can share with the pack? Do you know of potential outings or field trips we could take?

Do you have a craft idea? Are you willing to help manage our web page? If you're available and willing to help in anyway let us know.

### Best Six

Cubs are divided into groups called sixes. Each six can earn points towards a best six award. Points are generally based on attendance, inspection and achievement badges earned, but there are also bonus points. Inspection points are earned for wearing the full uniform neatly, wearing running shoes, clean fur, paws and claws (hair, hands, nails), and having their cub book with paper and a pencil.

### Upcoming events

**Sep 14** – Hike to Bellevue Park \*\* **Permission slip** \*\*  
**Sep 21** – Outdoor meeting and Collector's badge  
**Sep 28** – Skit night – Entertainer's badge  
**Oct 5** – Hike at Pointe du Moulin \*\* **Permission slip** \*\*  
**Oct 7** – Group breakfast at Olympic park  
**Oct 12** – Camp preparation  
**Oct 13-15** – Camp no.1 at Tamaracouta Scout Reserve

### Meetings

Meetings are held every Thursday night from 7:30 to 9:00 at St. Patrick School on Shamrock Drive. We ask that you arrive at 7:15 and be ready to start at 7:30 as we have planned every single minute and we would hate to miss out on any activities. In the event that the school is not available, we will make arrangements to be at the Omni Center and we will make sure that each family is notified in advance of any changes.



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## Dues

We collect dues from the cubs to help defray the cost of badges, stars, crafts, parties, and other small expenses. This year we will be collecting \$5.00 each month. You have the option of paying each month, for a total of \$50.00 for 10 months, or you can pay \$40.00 in one single payment during September. We'll leave this option up to you but we ask that you let Kaa know which payment schedule you would like to follow.

Please make your checks payable to Shawnee Cubs.

## Clothing and uniform

Our uniform is rather simple. Each cub must provide his / her shirt, sash, woggle, and cub book. We will provide the scarf and epaulettes. Cubs may wear either pants or shorts but they must be navy blue or tan colored. The Scout Shop on Dorval Avenue has very nice pants with zip-off bottoms for the warm weather but the purchase of these pants is strictly up to you. Any navy blue pants will do just fine. Running shoes are a must in the gym at St. Patrick School and the school insists that outdoor footwear not be used in the gym. Please wear outdoor footwear and change into your gym shoes when you arrive at the school.

As you may have already heard or noticed the middle of the word SCOUT is OUT!!!! We will make every effort possible to have as many meetings or activities as possible outside. Please be sure to send your cubs to the meetings with appropriate clothing for the weather. When we go on hikes, we go rain or shine. Please be sure to have rain gear, boots, etc. and good warm clothing in the winter including a hat, mitts (not gloves), warm dry winter boots, and snow clothes (pants and coat)

## Camp

As Baden Powell was adamant about having the youth outdoors and camping as much as possible, we have scheduled a total of 5 camps into our program this year. We will be camping in October, November,

January, March, and May. Our outdoor program is based on these camps and we spend a lot of effort planning the education portion of these camps so that the youth learn the basics and fundamentals at the first camp, and continue to build on that knowledge throughout the year at each successive camp.

The final camp will be the Area Cubaree with an estimated 300 cubs participating.

In order to cover the costs of these camps, we are asking for \$200.00 which can be paid as one lump sum, or any variety of 2 through 6 equal post-dated checks (payable on the 15<sup>th</sup> to SHAWNEE CUBS).

As an average, this breaks down to \$40.00 / camper which includes 2 days and 2 nights of camping, use of all of the camping gear (you provide your sleeping bag for warm or heated camps, we have access to some winter bags for cold weather camps – limited numbers though – first come – first served), food, accommodations (including indoor heated dorms or cabins in the winter months, camp badges, and a wealth of fun and memorable experiences.

To help lower the costs, during the year we will be doing Shawnee specific fund raising such as the Scout Popcorn sales. We are also working on a concept of a perpetual bottle drive that will also raise money for each cub pack. The monies raised through this fundraising will be applied directly to our camp campaign and each family will receive a refund in May; the amount of which will be determined based on our success in fund-raising.

As always in the Scouting movement, if you have any difficulties with funding for these camps, please speak with any one of the leaders and we will make every arrangement necessary to make certain that your cub participates in each camp.

## In closing

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with one of the leaders at any time. Your comments, concerns, criticism, and compliments are always welcomed and will only help us build a better program for your children

Sincerely,  
Your Cub Leaders